

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of April 23, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the following Remarks

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the drive electronics are mounted on a mounting element which has a clamping arrangement for clamping the support member of the printhead module to a support frame of the casing. Support for these amendments can be found at page 13, line 26-page 15, line 20 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-6 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed, or suggested, by previously cited Silverbrook '908 and Silverbrook '082 either taken alone or in combination with one another, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the arrangement of the present invention in which the fluid channel members 40 of the printhead modules 30 are clamped within the channel 21 of the casing 20 by the support 91 which mounts the drive electronics 100 to the casing (see page 13, line 26-page 15, line 20 of the present specification).

Neither Silverbrook '908 nor Silverbrook '082 disclose or suggest such an arrangement. This is because, Silverbrook '908 merely discloses that the reservoir molding 32 is heat staked to the chassis 14 (see col. 5, lines 14-33) and Silverbrook '802 merely discloses that the printhead modules 46 are mounted to the ink distribution arrangements 72 by being mounted on the channel 62 (see col. 5, lines 48-54 and Fig. 8).

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook '908 and Silverbrook '082, either taken alone or in combination with one another.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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